

# FESCUE

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## LAWN TREATMENT NO. 7

### SERVICE RECAP

#### WEED CONTROL

Warm-season Zoysia and Bermuda lawns get a healthy dose of our broadleaf weed treatment and pre-emergent to defend your home turf against a winter weed invasion. Fescue will get treated in mid-December.

#### FERTILIZATION

It's grow-time for Fescue lawns. Our granular fertilizer delivers a nutrient-rich assist to support the growth of new and established grass.

#### ORNAMENTAL TREE & SHRUB TREATMENTS

*add-on service*

Our fertilizer promotes root growth and gives a defensive boost to trees and shrubs. They'll stand tough against cooler weather and re-emerge stronger for a comeback season in the spring.

### WHAT YOU GNEED TO GNOW: LAWN TIPS FROM THE SIDELINES

#### PRACTICE PROPER HYDRATION

Your playing field needs an inch of water every week. Without regular rainfall, water your lawn for 20 minutes three times a week – preferably before 10 am.

#### NO PENALTY FOR CLIPPINGS

Leave grass clippings on your lawn after mowing to recycle into the soil and give your home turf a nutrient boost.

#### DON'T MOW TOO LOW

Only mow the top third of your lawn's length. Cutting your grass too short makes it vulnerable to drying out.

#### PRUNE LIKE A PRO

Pruning shrubs regularly promotes healthy growth and avoids woody, sparse foliage.

### AERATION & OVERSEEDING: THE DYNAMIC DUO

For Fescue lawns, it's time to put your fall game plan together. Unlike warm-season grasses, Fescue doesn't self-spread, and this cool-season grass benefits greatly from the one-two combo of aeration and overseeding.

#### AERATION

This early fall power play punches through compact soil to help more water, air, and nutrients funnel directly to your lawn's root system. Aeration sets Fescue lawns up for success to help them grow thicker, fuller, and more weed-resistant.

#### OVERSEEDING

An assist to aeration, overseeding helps fill in bare spots on Fescue lawns. It's done at the same time as aeration to encourage new growth for healthier, lusher lawns.

Aeration and overseeding for Fescue lawns began in late August and continues through October.

**CALL 770.447.6037 TO GAIN THE GNOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE.**

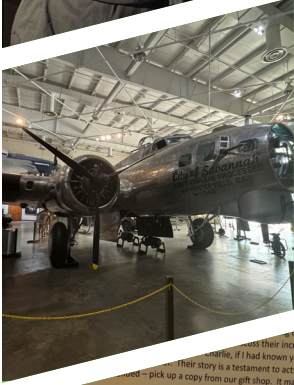


Upgrade to our Gold Plan and score a loaded lawn care lineup with pest control and tree & shrub treatments.



### QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR SERVICE OR YOUR YARD?

CALL CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 770.447.6037, MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8 AM-5 PM. AFTER HOURS, LEAVE A MESSAGE AND WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY OR EMAIL US AT [INFO@ARBOR-NOMICS.COM](mailto:INFO@ARBOR-NOMICS.COM).



# BARE IN MIND



BY JOSH BARE

In June, my family visited the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force in Pooler, GA. The museum tells amazing stories of the Mighty Eighth, which executed daytime bombing missions against the Nazis in Europe from 1942 to 1945. They even have a restored B-17 bomber inside – this “flying fortress” is quite the machine to admire.

The museum exhibit that struck me the most was about a B-17 raid over Germany on December 20, 1943. One of the planes, “Ye Old Pub,” sustained a lot of damage from flak. Of the bomber’s four engines, one was blown out and another was barely functioning. The pilot, Charlie Brown, was struggling to limp the plane back to base in England when it was attacked by German fighters.

Charlie passed out after the B-17’s oxygen system was disabled and came to in the nick of time to pull the plane out of a steep dive. As Charlie was barely keeping his plane airborne, a German ace named Franz Stigler spotted the B-17 while refueling his fighter. Franz quickly got in the air and went after Charlie. With orders not to attack a wounded enemy in distress, Franz assessed the battered shape of his opponent’s B-17 as he drew near and realized Charlie would have a hard time making it to England – let alone flying through German anti-aircraft batteries at the coast.

Franz attempted to persuade Charlie to land in occupied territory, but either his message didn’t get across or Charlie and his remaining crew feared they might be captured. When his attempt failed,

Franz decided to escort Charlie’s B-17 across the anti-aircraft batteries at the coast in the hopes the Germans wouldn’t risk shooting at their own plane.

By some miracle Franz was successful and Charlie’s B-17 made it back to England. When Charlie tried to relay what happened back at base, he was forbidden from sharing his harrowing tale and kept it to himself for 40 years. In 1986, Charlie placed an ad in a German pilot’s magazine, finally sharing his unlikely story of compassion from his enemy.

Very few German pilots survived the war – only 1,200 out of 28,000. In a remarkable twist of fate, Franz Stigler not only survived, he also found Charlie’s ad. The two pilots eventually reunited at the Mighty Eighth museum, discussing their shared story with both of their families present. A book was even written about Charlie and Franz called “A Higher Call: An Incredible True Story of Combat and Chivalry in the War-Torn Skies of World War II.”

I was blown away by this story and that these gentlemen stood together right where I was in the museum. Franz and Charlie both passed away in 2008 within a few months of each other, but their incredible story lives on in the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. If you’re ever in the area, I highly recommend checking it out. They also have a great exhibit on all the women who served and flew in the Air Force – which was another gold nugget of inspiration.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW ANY THOUGHTS YOU MIGHT HAVE ABOUT THIS ARTICLE. I CAN BE REACHED AT **678.313.4568** OR **JOSH@ARBOR-NOMICS.COM**.

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